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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1-6. (canceled)
- (currently amended) A shoe horn attachment device comprising:
- a contoured portion structured and arranged to surround a heel of a user's foot and comprising a back portion and left and right side portions;
- a flexible resilient upper back portion extending obliquely from the back portion substantially outside of a rim of a shoe of a user when the attachment device is attached to the shoe of the user, said upper back portion being flexibly displacable displaceable to guide a heel of the user when a foot of the user is being inserted into the shoe; and
- a fastening device on at least one of the back, left and right portions for readily detachably securing the attachment device to the shoe of the user.
- 8. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a base portion connected between the left and right portions, essentially parallel to a heel of the shoe of the user when the attachment device is attached to a shoe of the user.

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- 9. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising an essentially inverted V-shaped retaining member fitting over the rim of the shoe of the user.
- 10. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a wing member extending laterally from the retaining member.
- 11. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fastening device is double sided tape.
- 12. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fastening device is adhesive.
- 13. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a rearward projecting portion extending from said upper back portion.
- 14. (currently amended) A shoe horn attachment device comprising:
- a contoured portion structured and arranged to surround a heel of a user comprising a back portion and left and right side portions;
- a base portion between the left and right portions, essentially parallel to a heel of a shoe of the user when the device is attached to a shoe of the user; and

an upper back portion extending from the back portion substantially outside of a rim of the shoe of the user when the attachment is attached to the shoe of the user, said upper back Application No. 10/000,027 Amdt. dated February 24, 2004

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portion being flexibly displaceable displaceable to guide a heel of the user when a foot of the user is being inserted into the shoe.

said device being readily removable such that when a foot of a user is in the shoe, the device remains in place and when the foot of the user is removed from the shoe, the device is readily removable.

- 15. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a fastening device on at least one of the back, left and right portions for detachably securing the attachment to the shoe of the user.
- 16. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a fastening device on the base portion.
- 17. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fastening device is double sided tape.
- 18. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fastening device is adhesive.